

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TELECAST FACILITY IN M.P.
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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(a) the cities/towns in Madhya Pradesh in which telecast facility of Doordarshan/All India Radio programmes has not been provided so far; (

(b) the reasons therefor and the places identified so far for this purpose; and

(c) the time by which this facility is likely to be provided?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b) & (c): Entire Madhya Pradesh is covered by radio signals, except for a few pockets in the districts of Sheopur, Shivpuri, Shahdol, Sidhi and Guna. Doordarshan coverage is available all over the country, including Madhya Pradesh, in Satellite mode. However, terrestrial TV coverage is presently estimated to be available to about 75.3% population of the State (including the population in fringe areas). Though, Prasar Bharati does not have a policy to provide Radio/TV facilities at cities/town level, it is their constant endeavour to provide Radio/TV coverage to hitherto uncovered areas of the country including Madhya Pradesh.

For further expansion of Radio coverage in Madhya Pradesh, Local Radio Stations with 3 KW FM Tr. and 1 KW FM Tr. are being set up at Rajgarh and Mandla respectively and existing 100 KW MW Tr. at Indore is being replaced by new 200 KW MW Tr.. For further expansion of TV coverage, 8 transmitter projects for expansion of coverage of primary channel (DD-I) viz. 2 High Power Transmitters (HPTs) at Guna and Shahdol, 3 Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) at Bareilly, Lakhnadon and Sindhwa, 1 Very Low Power Tr. at Alot (DD-1) and 2 HPTs at Jabalpur and Gwalior for Metro (DD-2) service are presently under implementation.

These projects are at different stages of implementation and are expected to be completed in phases during the next two years.